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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amusements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are added the most

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domestick.

Perform'd by a Society of GENTLEMEN.

From Wednesday October 19th. to Friday October 21st. 1709.

Q. IN John 12. 34. *the* Jews *say*; we have heard out of the Law, that Christ abideth for ever. *But how cou'd the* Jews *say so, where those Words are no where to be be met with in the Law of* Moses.

A. In answer to the Query we beg leave to observe four Particulars.

1. We freely own, that those words no where occur, not only in the Mosaick Law contain'd in the five last Books of *Moses*, but neither in the Book of *Genesis*, which, as being writ by *Moses*, might seem more Proper than the other Books of Scripture which were written by other Persons, to be included in the Law, since four of the Five Books writ by *Moses* might be allow'd to give the Denomination to the whole.

2 Cou'd not this Difficulty be Solv'd, it wou'd no ways reflect on the Authority of the New Testament, since the Evangelist does no more than act the Historian, and Relate a Saying of the *Jews*. All therefore that cou'd be drawn from hence (on suppotal, that the Passage were absurd) would be no more than this, namely, that the *Jews* were Mistaken in a fancied Quotation from the Law.

3. *The Law* is here us'd, by a Synecdoche of a Part for the Whole, for the Old Testament in general, which is usually stil'd by a more easy Synecdoche, the Law and the Prophets.

4. We must not expect to find the very words themselves in any Part of the Old Testament. It is sufficient, that the Sense of them is there express'd. And to recite the Sense of an Author in other words is a very customary and familiar usage. But tho' those words of the *Jews* may significantly express the Sense of Scripture with regard to the Duration of the *Messiah* (in Proof of which we might refer you to *Psal.* 72. 5, 78. to *Ezek.* 37. 25. and to *Dan.* 7. 14.) yet the *Jews* understood them in a Sense different from the Purport of the forementiond Scriptures. For They concluded, that Christ shou'd Live for ever upon Earth, whereas the Scriptures intend no more than to foretell, that he shou'd Live and Reign for ever in Heaven. But because they do not particularly specify the Place, thence the *Jews*, who were a Worldly-minded People, took occasion to Interpret them in a Grosser Sense. Hence it was, that the Doctrin of the Cross (as the New Testament informs us) was *to the Jews a Stumbling-block* as well as *to the Greeks Foolishness*

Q. Gentlemen, *Having desir'd an Answer to several Questions you were pleased to return a distinct Answer to one of 'em, viz Whether this World be in a Place?*

By the World I understand the whole Mass of Matter however modify'd; whether relating to the Cœlestial or Terraqueous Globes. You distinguish Place into Absolute and Relative, and say, that Place absolutely Consider'd, is that part of Space, or of Infinite Expansion, which is occupied by a body; in which Sense the World may be said to be in a Place. With Submission, Gentlemen, this is rather an Amusement than a Solution: and is so far from answering the point in hand, that it involves you in greater Difficulties, and draws along with it an infinite train of Absurdities. For if Absolute Place, or Place absolutely consider'd, be a part of Infinite Expansion, or of Infinite Space: And if the World (according to this Definition of Yours) is in a place thus consider'd, then the World, or the whole Mass of Matter, which is infinitely Extended, is contain'd, or included in a part of Infinite Space: And if so, then one Infinity is contain'd in another, and consequently greater than another; nay, more, that which is infinitely extended is incommensurable to Infinite Space. And to Enhanse the Absurdity 'twill follow from hence, that there are Imaginary Spaces infinitely Extended, devoid of Body; but this being ἀπιστοῦσιν καὶ τῶν ἀτοπῶν ἄτοπώτατον; Apollo must not think much, παλινῳδῶν. I am, Gentlemen, with all possible Veneration and Respect Your Devoted Servant, T. H.

A. Sir, With Submission to your Submission, we cannot agree to your τῶν ἀτόπων ἀτοπότατον. For we are so far from thinking that what we advanc'd was the greatest of Absurdities, that we cannot be convinc'd by your reply, that it is at all absurd. And therefore we cannot but conclude, that you are mistaken in Philosophy as well as Grammar. For since you affect to write *Greek*, where *English* wou'd have been more Pertinent, it may not be improper to remind you, that you use an *Omicron* in-

ſtead of an *Omega* in the word ἀτοπότατον, which (as it's Etymology from the Poſitive ἄτοπος ſhou'd be ἀτοπώτατος. And therefore we preſume you will not reſent it, if we take the liberty to tell you, that you are not Perfect in the Rules of Compariſon. For had not you forgot your Grammar, you wou'd not have been ignorant, that (ος) makes ωτερος and ὠτατος (in the Comparative Degrees) in a word, whoſe *Penultima* is ſhort. And we hope you will allow, that the *Penultima* in ἄτοπος is ſhort, ſince an *Omicron* is always ſo. And therefore (to imitate a very worthy Pattern) this is ἀγραμματικεύεσθαι.

The whole of your reaſoning is founded upon this Preſumption (which you barely affirm, with the Authority of an ἀυτὸς ἔφη, without any attempt to prove it; or as tho' you look'd upon it as a perfect Axiom; whereas we have different thoughts of it) namely, that Matter is infinitely Extended. But we wou'd ask the Queſtion, whether you have rang'd the Infinite Regions of Unlimited Space, and can experimentally atteſt the truth of that Aſſertion. But we beg your Pardon for putting ſuch a Queſtion to you, ſince perhaps you may adhere to that Exploded Hypotheſis, that Nature abhors a Vacuum. From whence we grant, that the Infinite Extenſion of Matter will neceſſarily follow. But that there is a *Vacuum Interſperſum*, as they call it, our Modern Philoſophers have prov'd by Plain, Subſtantial, Irrefragable Arguments. And of this we have formerly diſcours'd, and therefore need not repeat it here. And if there be a *Vacuum Interſperſum*, who can pretend to deny, but that there may be alſo a *Vacuum Continuum*. And indeed, how great a Portion of Infinite Space is Occupied by Body, this is what Human Underſtanding will never be able to determin.

'Tis true, tho' we ſhou'd underſtand the *World* in a larger ſenſe, as containing not only the Sun and Planets, but alſo thoſe fix'd Stars, which are Viſible, either to the Naked Eye, or by the Aſſiſtance of a Teleſcope; Stars, each of which may, for ought we know, be the Center of another World in an Inferior Senſe; yet beyond thoſe Orbs there may be no other; or, if other Orbs, yet ſeparated from theſe, about which Men are Converſant, by ſo Prodigious a Chaſm, as to merit the Appellation of another World even in the foremention'd larger Senſe.

And yet, were it infallibly certain, that Matter is infinitely extended, you might have eaſily perceiv'd, that We underſtood the word *World* in a more limited Senſe. But this wou'd have prevented your fine reaſoning, and have hindred you from ſhewing the World, that you know ſomething of the *Greek* Tongue, and deſerve at leaſt the Denomination of a *Græculus*.

Q. Gentlemen, *Being at the* Seſſion's Houſe *laſt Week I was much pleas'd to hear your Paper ſpoke of, with great Reſpect, by ſeveral honourable Members of the Court, as tending to the Encouragement of Vertue and Suppreſſion of Vice; at the ſame time ſome ſcandalous Scribblers were preſented as a Common Nuſance. I ask the favor of your Opinion on the following Relation. A Fellow came to one of the City Aldermen and Inform'd him, he wou'd be reflected on in the* Female Tatler, *except he prevented it by advanceing four Guineas to the Author, which Impudent Demand the ſaid Alderman look'd on with the greateſt Contempt. Now, what Conſtruction may this villanous way of getting Money Deſerve?*

A. We might eaſily evince, that Robbing on the High-way is Honourable to it, but think it a leſſening to us, to Controvert the Actions of Fellows, who help to fill Seſſion-Papers, for their Infamous Principles.

To the Britiſh Apollo.

Q. *In ſhort, Mr.* Apollo, *I'm your Friend and have taken your Papers from the beginning (perhaps you may laugh and ſay, the more Fool I) which I own true, but I had hopes you would mend, and endeavour your Cuſtomer's Diverſion; but you mind your own Advantage too much, tho' you will find that prove in the End your Diſadvantage. In a whole Sheet of your Writing we can find nothing to make one Smile, it gives one the Spleen, and will cauſe the Repentance of all your Subſcribers. But I'll try you a little longer, and would adviſe you to leave out all Theological Queries, and I warrant you will find the Advantage of it. Let us have Jolly, Pleaſant Things, and when in the humor we know well enough where to find graver, and pray leave out no witty Query, becauſe it may reflect upon your ſelves, as I am ſenſible you have too often done. Let me ſee you take my Advice and that ſpeedily, which is given for your Sake, as well as for the Sake of* J B. *and the reſt of your Subſcribers.*

A. Our Jolly Friend, we will endeavour to make all Smile by turns. We have now inſerted your Letter to make others Laugh, in hopes ſome of them may ſend ſomething for your Diverſion. But ſhou'd we let the whole Town a Grinning together, there wou'd be ſuch a Terrible Din and ſuch a horrid Sight of Screw'd Faces, it wou'd be enough to fright facetious Humor out of the World for ever after. Beſides, Fits of exceſſive Mirth are generally follow'd at the Heels, by violent Fits of the Spleen, and it wou'd be an heavy Matter to ſee all in the Dumps at one time. You ſay you have taken in all our Papers, and are a Fool for your Pains——very Good,——and to confirm your ſelf a Fool, deſign to continue the taking them longer——better ſtill. And then you know *One Fool makes many*——beſt of all. For then we ſhall never want Mirth, ſince ſome will be always writing, what may ſet others a laughing at them for it. But if you ſhou'd meet the Misfortune again of reading a whole Sheet without one Provocation to a Smile, we adviſe you, for your ſpeedy Relief, to look in the Glaſs; for we fancy the Chagrin, occaſion'd by the Diſappointment, will give ſuch an uncouth Gloom to your Countenance, that it will be a Jeſt to your ſelf to look upon it. As to the Advice you give, of leaving wholly off Graver Subjects, we ſhall not take it, in Reſpect to your ſelf, for then we ſhou'd be Laugh'd off the Stage our ſelves, and ſo never be capable of diverting you more.

POEMS.

Q. *LUxurious Plenty crowns my blooming State,*
From Pains enervate free, bleſs'd with the
Of Liberty uncurb'd, My Greener Years (Joys
In ſearch of Knowledg and Sciential Arts,
Have been employ'd, and being now arriv'd
To Years Mature, I beg your Sage Advice,
Whether in Rural Plains, or Splendid Courts,
Or noiſy Albion's, beſt to paſs my Days.
All have their Charms attractive to my Soul,
Sweet Solitude attends the Silvan Groves,
Inviting Streams a ſecret Pleaſure gives,
Whoſe lulling Murmurs calm my ruffled Breaſt.

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Rural

Rural Diverſions doth the Mind excite
To harmleſs Mirth, and the chaſt artleſs Nymphs
(Whoſe Innocence forbids a luſtful thought)
With modeſt freedom pure Content creates;
But then the glorious Honors of the Court
Allure my heart to fix my Station there,
Where Splendor with unrival'd Luſtre ſhines,
And dazling Beauties, bright as are the Gems
Which do their Robes adorn, my Eyes ſuoprize;
There Noble Youths, whoſe large capacious Souls,
Pregnant with all that's truly great, do find
A ſpacious Field for to diſplay their Worth:
Whoſe Poliſh'd Language and Sublime Diſcourſe,
Solid Delight unto my Mind ſhall give.
Nor doth the Crowded Town Allurements want,
To pleaſe the Young and Gay, Their ſhining Balls,
And gilded Theatres, where the bright Fair
Seem like the Stars within the cope of Heaven.
To ſee the various Humors of Mankind,
Exploded on the Stage in Mimick Farce,
Or ſpritely Comedy, or Tragick Scenes,
Moſt Moving! Where the Action and the Tone,
Inclines the ſympathizing Soul to take
All the Impreſſions which they agitate;
Whether of Love, Ambition, Grief, or Joy,
Informing Unexperienc'd Youth with all
The various Paſſions Incident to Man.
To You, deſcerning Bards, *I leave my Choice,*
Being reſolv'd to fix where You approve:
Alſo direct in Condeſcending Lays,
The Method how 'tis beſt to paſs my Days.

A. In ſweet Retirement from the Noiſy Town,
Where Nature all her Choiceſt Stores diſplays,
Ten Thouſand Joys Extatick fluſh the Mind,
And gild with Gladneſs all the outward Form;
To ſee *Aurora* with a Roſey Bluſh,
Riſe from her gay Alcove, and all around
Deſtill her Pearly Dew on fragrant Flow'rs,
After attracted by the God of Day,
Filling with Aromatick Scents the Air,
Whilſt all the winged Choirs their Mattins Sing
In warbling Notes full of Extatick Charms.
And when his Glorious *Tour* to weſtern Climes,
With Equipage Illuſtrious is Compleat,
Again the feather'd People of the Sky,
With tuneful Veſpers ſtrike our raviſh'd Ears,
Delicious Breezes fanning all the Air,
Impregnated with Odorif'rous Steams;
Then what Delight for Inoffenſive Swains,
Gay in their early Spring, and blooming Nymphs
To mix to ſprightly Meaſures in a Dance,
Yet Innocent as Nature's Infancy:
Or tell in Shady Groves their Artleſs Loves,
Or on Enamell'd Banks by Purling Brooks.
But ah! when Poets on their darling Themes
Exert their Thoughts, to brighten them the more
They throw a Veil o'er their Deformities,
To ſcreen them from our nice exploring Eyes
Thoſe Rural Joys have their Reverſes, which
Serve for Allays to Pall our ſtrong Deſires.
When Northern Winds drive thro' the troubled Air,
And Sable Clouds black all the Face of Heav'n,
When Winter comes, that Type of wretched Age,
The Nights fill'd with loud Screams of om'nous
(Birds,
All looks like th' ugly Viſage of Deſpair.
Beſides, in Lazineſs, the Ruſt of Life,
Here Men dream out their Inauſpicious Days,
Uſeful to none, and Burdens to themſelves.
The Town Innumerable Scenes of Joy
Diſplays, Regaling both the Mind and Senſe.
The Learned World here Poliſh and Refine
Rough Nature, rendring it Terſe and Polite;
Inform the Soul with Images adapt
To the Extent of's vaſt Capacity:
Converſe here ſhines, to all but Man deny'd,
Man the Juſt Image of the Deity,
By Brutal Solitude Slur'd and Defac'd.
The ſhining Theatre Alternately
Strikes all our Paſſions, and to tranſient view
From long Oblivion Glorious Acts retrieves,
To fire our Emulation by thoſe Bright
Illuſtrious Precedents; and to deter
From Modern Follies, which diſguiſe the Age,
The Subjects are expos'd to Ridicule.
Nor Viſion here alone by theſe is Charm'd,
But Beauty in a Gallaxy of Stars,
Affects us with Ineffable Delight,
Heightned by Vocal Sounds and Tuneful Strains,
Which in a Vig'rous Flight the Fancy bears,
Not ſuff'ring it to flag or to relax.
And yet the Town and Stage their Evils have,
The firſt when *Spring* puts on her Lovely Dreſs,
Lies like a blaſted Trunk amidſt a Pool
Of Standing Waters, mix'd with Mud and Stench;
The laſt contaminates the Mind, depraves
Our Morals by Allurements ſmooth and Bland.
The Happy'ſt State, we Judg then, is to taſte
Alternately, Viciſſitudes of Both,
Variety 'tis ſharps the Appetite,
Pall'd by an *Habit*, which Reluctance breeds.
Thus ev'n the *God of Nature* took Delight,
To Frame the various Species we behold;
Delights thus in the many Forms, in which
The Divers-minded World it's Offrings pays,
And thus you'll crown with Happineſs your Days.

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S I R,

SIR,

OUR Advices from Barcelona, Sept. 30th are, that the Duke of Anjou on the 25th sent a Detachment of 6 Squadrons between Agramont and Cala, which seized a great many Mules, which were returning from Balaguer, whither they had carried Provisions for the subsistance of the Army. Count Staremberg being inform'd thereof, detach'd General Drimborn, with 600 Men, with orders to march two several ways, to cut off the Retreat of the Enemy, whom they overtook and attack'd with such Bravery, that they return'd with 60 Prisoners and 80 Horses, and retook most of the Mules. They add, that the People of Arragon, appear so generally enclin'd, to declare for King Charles, that they only wait for a Power to protect them. From Vienna they write, Octob. 12th. That the Pacifications of the troubles in Hungary are vanish'd, and that the Emperor has Confiscated the Estates of the Chief Leaders. That He has also dispos'd of divers Considerable Fiefs in Bavaria in Favor of his Ministers, Count Staremburgh, Count de Schonborn and Baron de Seilem, computed at 150000 German Florins to each. Letters from Paris say, that the Misery of the People encreases daily; that the Harvest was so bad, it was impossible for the Inhabitants to subsist 6 Months, without Corn from Barbary and other places. They talk of great Divisions in the Royal Family, in Relation to the Army in Flanders, that the Dauphin declares for the Duke of Vendome, and the Duke of Burgundy for the Duke of Berwick, but the King is so satisfy'd with Monsieur de Villars, that he seems likely to continue him, if his Wounds permit him to take the Field. From the Hague they write, Octob. 25th. that the Season grows so bad, the Army is upon separating for Winter-Quarter.

London, Octob. 20th. The Yatchs are order'd for Holland, for bringing over the Duke of Marlborough. Which is all from Yours, &c.

All [illegible] direct their Letters (Superscrib'd for the *British Apollo*) [illegible] at Mr. *Carters*, at the *Rose* and *Crown* in [illegible] *Buckingham-yard*, at Mr. *Bickerton's*, at the *Bell* and *Crown* in *Little Britain*, or at the Printers hereof; enter with questions, subscriptions, or for Indexes to our last Volume, which contains between 2 and 3000 Answers to [illegible] for we shall not take notice of such Questions a[illegible] been answer'd therein. Our Rates are, 2 *s.* *per* Quarter for the Weekly, 2 *s.* 6 *d*, with the Monthly, and the Country Weekly 6 *d.* apiece. Those who come in within the Quarter, pay at Quarter-day 1 *d.* apiece for each they have had. Many Questions out of the Country will be answer'd but where the Postage is paid.

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